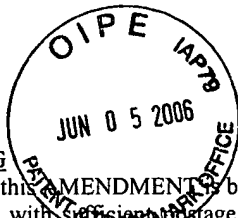


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

➤ **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.